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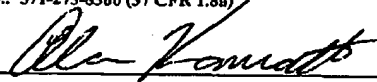
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed June 6, 2005, please amend the above application as follows: